

SPC College of Education (COE)
Advisory Board Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, February 19, 2015
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Tarpon Springs Campus – Room BB160

Members Present: Mr. William Lawrence, Mayor David Archie, Ms. Diane Carlo

COE Staff Present: Dr. Kimberly Hartman, Ms. Carla Rossiter, Ms. Terri Mossgrove, Ms. Sherri Kent-Roberts, Ms. Jane Wilson, Ms. Pam Wilkins, Ms. Marilyn Lovely

9:00 a.m. I. Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.
Mr. William Lawrence

II. Approval of the September 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Mayor Archie, seconded by Ms. Carlo, approved.

III. Update on College of Education Initiatives
Dr. Kimberly Hartman, Dean, COE

- ELITE Program update. The first cohort included eleven students. Recruitment efforts should ensure larger cohorts for upcoming sessions. The College of Education is working with the SPC Foundation on possible scholarships.
- New positions included a new Academic Chair, who will also head the Office for School Partnerships, new ESOL and ESE faculty positions as well as two Education Generalists. There has been one resignation, Dr. Mary Harper. There have been two retirements, Ms. Barbara Styers and Dr. Michele Gerent.
- Update on the Center of Excellence for Elementary Teacher Prep Grant. The grant will entail a curriculum revamp and make scholarships available for ELED students, up to six credit hours. SPC is partnering with PCS and TNTP on training and collaborative work. Dr Hartman introduced the Grant Director, Ms. Jane Wilson.
- Announced the suspension of admissions to the Pre-K Program to evaluate the course content to see if students need to be prepared differently.

IV. Miscellaneous Updates
Carla Rossiter

SPC Board approved continuing approval guidelines for the annual program performance report card. Carla shared that the Marzano Center conference would be held at Lake Buena Vista in June. She also reminded board members that SPC would be hosting Florida Standards Implementation Conference at the Clearwater Campus on April 16th and 17th.

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V. Update from local school districts

Member William Lawrence, Pinellas School District

Member Diane Carlo, Hillsborough County School District,

- William Lawrence reported that the Pinellas County School District completed a district wide accreditation and will be recommended. The Summer Bridge Program registration will be opening in March. There are five new choice programs this year. Under a Gates Grant the district is opening an Excel Learning center in South Pinellas.
- Diane Carlo reported that Hillsborough County School District has also finished their accreditation, but haven't received the feedback yet. The district is on the lookout for good ESE teachers with many openings unfilled. Hillsborough County Schools received a five year "Now is the Time" grant initiative in response to the Sandy Hook school shootings. The grant will provide mental health first aid for 50 or so schools. The Project Prevent Grant, on the same theme, will provide training in twenty-one elementary, middle, and high schools as well as for bus drivers. A five year grant "Transforming School Climate" will benefit twenty-five target schools attempting to use CHAMPS. The grant will provide training in the "Check and Connect" mentoring program and develop intervention teams at schools There may be some actual data to report next time.

VI Other issues to come before the board

Dr. Hartman mentioned that SPC is working with the Junior Welfare Board and the City of St. Petersburg to provide funds for child care workers to get certificates in Early Childhood Education. Mayor Archie requested a list of the child care centers involved. Dr. Hartman explained that JWB would select the centers, but she would provide the list once it was available.

Dr. Hartman then asked board for suggestions of the things they would like SPC to look at. Suggestions from the board included incorporating the school district's rubrics and evaluation system, focusing on leadership and professional development, and mentoring for new teachers

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VII Topics for Next Board Meeting
Suggested topics were:

- Mentoring and retention in the districts
- SPC retention rate for completers

VIII. Next Board Meeting: September 2015, Seminole Campus (in conjunction with Advisory Board Dinner) – date TBA

10:05 a.m. Adjournment